

Subj: HR.2980 Cosponsorship

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_:

I am writing to request that you cosponsor HR.2980, titled “To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of arrival of the Pilgrims.” The bill is sponsored by Rep. Bill Foster and introduced on 7/8/2015. The proposed coins will honor the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower Pilgrims on our shores. While it may seem early to request your support for this recognition, the Mint schedule makes it important that we initiate the legislative process in the U.S. House now.

In 1620 a small group of barely one hundred souls arrived to establish the first permanent settlement in New England. They brought with them ideals that far surpassed their numerical significance. Their new community of Plymouth can fairly be called the first home of religious freedom in the New World. Furthermore, their establishment of a “civil body politic” through the Mayflower Compact that they signed before landing set a precedent for self-governance that remains vital to this day.

It is important to note that this legislation has bipartisan support. Rep. Foster (D-IL) represents one party, and the corresponding Senate bill is sponsored by Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND), representing the other. This legislation is an opportunity to demonstrate how Congress persons can work together to accomplish worthwhile goals. You may contact staff member Gary Timmins in Rep. Foster’s office to find out details of this bill. Won’t you please join Representative Foster as a co-sponsor of this bill?

Thank you for considering this important initiative.

Sincerely yours,

Your Name

Your town